

Response to Office Action
Docket No. 002.0165.US.UTL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Watson et al.) Group Art Unit: 2154
5 Serial No. 09/750,967)
Filed: December 28, 2000)
10 For: System And Method For Negotiating)
Multi-Path Connections Through Boundary)
Controllers In A Networked Computing)
Environment)

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15 **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Examiner Chang:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 27, 2005, for the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This Response is timely filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.7(a) as the one-month period for reply, February 27, 2005, fell on a Sunday.

25 **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.